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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: S. C. Falco et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 10/027,450

GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

FILED: DECEMBER 20, 2001

EXAMINER: T. SAIDHA

FOR: PLANT BRANCHED-CHAIN AMINO ACID
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action of January 23, 2003 ("Office Action"), please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks.

The Office Action set forth a one month shortened statutory period of response. The instant response is due March 24, 2003 with a one (1) month extension of time.

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